

# Agricultural Commissioner / Sealer of Weights & Measures

Christine Turner, Agricultural Commissioner

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**To protect the agricultural industry by detecting and eradicating detrimental and invasive pests, promote the sale of locally grown products, protect the public and environment by promoting the safe use of pesticides, and increase consumer confidence in local businesses by protecting against fraud and deception.**

Appropriation	Actual 2005-06	Position Allocations	BOS Adopted 2006-07	Position Allocations
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures	\$ 1,390,442	13	\$ 1,587,829	13
Fish & Game Commission	14,180	0	6,501	0
Total:	<u>\$ 1,404,622</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>\$ 1,594,330</u>	<u>13</u>

## CORE FUNCTIONS

### Agricultural Commissioner / Sealer of Weights & Measures

The Agricultural Commissioner promotes regional public awareness of Placer County agriculture and the sale of agricultural products and encourages agriculture-related tourism as a means of economic diversification for the farming community. In addition, programs protect Placer County's agricultural and natural resources against damage caused by exotic insects, diseases, and weeds; assure compliance with the federal and state laws pertaining to the proper and safe use of pesticides; and advocate for the County's "Right-to-Farm" ordinance protection of farms from nuisance complaints which can limit agricultural productivity and efficiency. The Sealer of Weights and Measures' program enforces laws and regulations that assure marketplace equity for transactions involving count, weight, or measure.

### Fish & Game Commission

Preserves the fisheries and wildlife in Placer County for future generations through local fish plants, habitat improvements, animal trappings and collaring, and pollution monitoring of streams and lakes in cooperation with the State Department of Fish and Game.

### FY 2005-06 Major Accomplishments

- Completed state contracts in the areas of pest prevention, pesticide use enforcement and weights and measures.
- Promoted an expanded Farm and Barn Tour to help make the connection between farm and non-farm families.
- Continued to assist Placer County growers to develop their own agricultural marketing information.
- Refined the Weights and Measures device registration database to include all the businesses that use weighing, measuring or counting devices in commercial transactions.
- Ensured full staffing of the Predatory Animal Control program.

### FY 2006-07 Planned Accomplishments

- Promote agriculture and the retail industry by continuing to enforce state laws in the areas of Agriculture, Pesticide Use Enforcement, and Weights and Measures.

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## Land Use Services

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- Complete all contracts, which provide funding to the county for department activities.
- Promote agriculture through the Agricultural Marketing Program and partnering with community organizations like, PlacerGROWN, Foothill Farmers' Markets and the Arts Council of Placer County.
- Promote the proper management of wildlife and public outreach by supporting the Fish and Game Commission.
- Support the preservation of key agricultural and open space lands in Placer County.

## Department Comments

The Department's annual program contracts with the CDFA and the DPR indicate no changes between FY 2005-06 and FY 2006-07.

At the County level, we will strive to provide nearly the same level of regulatory presence and community service that we have in the past.

We will continue to be involved in the land use decision-making process that affects farm and ranch families and the dwindling agricultural land resource base necessary to maintain a viable agricultural segment of the County's economy consistent with the County's General Plan goals.

The department will take steps to continue promoting locally grown agricultural products by working through the Agricultural Marketing Program.

## County Executive Comments and Recommendations

The *Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer* protects the public by responding to external threats to the agricultural industry involving exotic insects, diseases and weeds, regulating pesticide use, assuring accurate marketplace transactions involving commercial measuring devices, certifying farmers' markets, and responding to residents affected by wildlife intrusion. Additionally, the department promotes agriculture and the sale of Placer County products and through the efforts of the previous agricultural marketing director, certain locally grown commodities have received national recognition. With the previous contract's cessation, the agricultural commissioner is electing to contract out the duties of the agricultural marketing director while separately retaining associated promotional program costs in another budget expense line. The recommended budget provides funding for all positions, accessory equipment for inspecting scales and an all terrain vehicle for wildlife personnel.

Animal Control charges this budget for trapping small animals in the Lake Tahoe area. State reimbursements are received for a portion of the Agricultural Commissioner's salary, agriculture, weights-and-measures and pesticide enforcement programs. Additionally, revenue is received for inspection services related to plants and other agricultural commodities and inspection of gasoline and diesel nozzle dispensers.

The Agricultural Commission oversees the *Fish and Game Commission* budget. Recommended expenditures provide for commissioner fees, secretarial services, travel costs, an annual fishing derby, and local education activities. This budget receives a general fund contribution, fine revenues and interest earnings.

## Final Budget Changes from the Proposed Budget

*Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer*  
None.

*Fish and Game Fund* will place \$6,217 into a reserve account, Designation for Future Occurrences (\$6,217).

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## AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER / SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES FUND 100 / APPROPRIATION 22210

	Actual 2004-05	Actual 2005-06	Requested 2006-07	Recommended 2006-07	Change %	Adopted 2006-07
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 1,008,146	\$ 1,120,498	\$ 1,316,003	\$ 1,316,003	17%	\$ 1,316,003
Services and Supplies	248,645	257,161	225,104	225,104	-12%	225,104
Capital Assets	-	12,753	25,000	25,000	96%	25,000
Intra Fund Charges	86.00	30	21,722	21,722	72307%	21,722
<b>Net Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 1,256,877</b>	<b>\$ 1,390,442</b>	<b>\$ 1,587,829</b>	<b>\$ 1,587,829</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>\$ 1,587,829</b>
<b>Revenue</b>						
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 573,354	\$ 590,494	\$ 505,425	\$ 505,425	-14%	\$ 505,425
Charges for Services	83,397	130,060	84,900	84,900	-35%	84,900
Miscellaneous Revenue	14,980	14,909	15,000	15,000	1%	15,000
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>671,731</b>	<b>735,463</b>	<b>605,325</b>	<b>605,325</b>	<b>-18%</b>	<b>605,325</b>
<b>Net County Cost:</b>	<b>\$ 585,146</b>	<b>\$ 654,979</b>	<b>\$ 982,504</b>	<b>\$ 982,504</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>\$ 982,504</b>
Allocated Positions	0	13	13	13	0%	13

## CORE FUNCTION: AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER / SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

### Weights & Measures Program

**Program Purpose:** To conduct inspections and enforce laws regarding accuracy in commercial weighing and measuring devices such as gas station pumps, produce scales, price scanners, and labels and certificates used by commerce, in order to protect consumers against fraud and deception and increase consumer confidence in local business.

**Total Expenditures:** \$250,000

**Total Staffing:** 3.0

- **Key Intended Outcome:** To ensure marketplace equity in commercial transactions involving weighing, measuring and labeling.

Weights & Measures Indicators:	Actual 2003-04	Actual 2004-05	Actual 2005-06	Projected 2006-07
% of commercial weighing and measuring devices inspected within the year	83%	76%	75%	80%
# of inspections in which violations were found	310	219	412	220
% of violations cleared at first re-inspection	91%	92%	82%	90%

**Program Comments:** The Weights and Measures program inspection activity leveled off in FY 2004-05. Even though the department was able to complete contracts and receive funding from other agencies, not all commercial devices were inspected on an annual basis as mandated by state law. The compliance rates for most commercial weighing and measuring devices improved.

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## Pesticide Use Enforcement Program

**Program Purpose:** To conduct agricultural pesticide use and records inspections in order to help agriculture comply with pesticide use regulations and safeguard the public and environment from pesticide misuse and harmful residues.

**Total Expenditures:** \$250,000

**Total Staffing:** 3.0

- **Key Intended Outcome:** Lower the numbers of improper pesticide use incidents.

Pesticide Use Enforcement Indicators:	Actual 2003-04	Actual 2004-05	Actual 2005-06	Projected 2006-07
# of pesticide use enforcement inspections in Placer County per year	293	172	122	200
# of violations found	149	130	100	115
% of violations cleared at first re-inspection	100%	87%	80%	100%

**Program Comments:** In FY 2004-05 we had an increased presence in the field for activities such as pesticide use monitoring inspections. The level of compliance was lower mainly because more inspections were conducted and violations were found during some of those inspections. This department is committed to informing the users of pesticides on how to be in compliance with state and federal laws. Many of the inspections revealed the success of our outreach efforts.

## Plant Health & Pest Prevention Program

**Program Purpose:** To protect residents and the agricultural industry from exotic insects, diseases, and weeds through nursery shipment inspections, insect detection inspections and the Weed Management Area Project.

**Total Expenditures:** \$997,829

**Total Staffing:** 7.0

- **Key Intended Outcome:** Maintain low incidence of exotic insect, disease and weed infestations.

Plant Health & Pest Prevention Indicators:	Actual 2003-04	Actual 2004-05	Actual 2005-06	Projected 2006-07
# of nursery shipments arriving in Placer County per year	42,134	35,981	33,496	35,000
# of inspections of nursery shipments arriving in Placer County per year	9,897	7,972	7,092	8,000
% of inspections of nursery shipments arriving in Placer County per year	23%	22%	21%	23%
# of exotic insect pest finds during detection trapping inspections per year	20	19	2	5

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**Program Comments:** The County's agricultural industry and environment is threatened by the potential introduction of Sudden Oak Death disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter. The increased attention the department pays to the new threats in recent years has taken time away from other functions. Department staff assesses the potential risk of each plant shipment since not every shipment can be physically inspected.

## Other Agricultural Commissioner Programs

**Agricultural Marketing Program:** Promotes regional public awareness of Placer County agriculture, the sale of Placer County agriculture products, and agriculture-related tourism in order to enhance economic diversification of the farming community. The Agricultural Marketing Program submits press releases to local media throughout the year that highlight Placer County agriculture, and provides outreach to farmers and ranchers on ways to improve the marketing of their products. The program also distributes approximately 100,000 Placer County Farm Trail Guides to help and encourage consumers to buy fresh agricultural products from local producers.

**Total Expenditures:** \$90,000

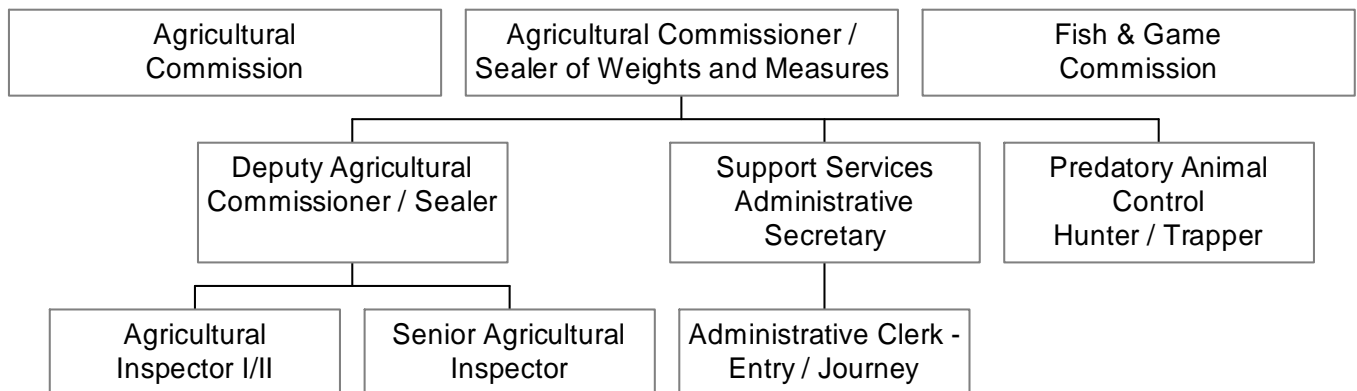
**Total Staffing:** 0

## FISH & GAME COMMISSION FUND 130 / APPROPRIATION 22370

	Actual 2004-05	Actual 2005-06	Requested 2006-07	Recommended 2006-07	Change %	Adopted 2006-07
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Services and Supplies	\$ 7,520	\$ 8,388	\$ 7,097	\$ 7,097	-15%	\$ 7,097
Capital Assets	-	5,792	-	-	-100%	-
Appropriations for Contingencies	-	-	1,159	1,159	100%	1,159
<b>Gross Budget:</b>	<u>7,520</u>	<u>14,180</u>	<u>8,256</u>	<u>8,256</u>	-42%	<u>8,256</u>
Intra Fund Credits	-	-	(1,755)	(1,755)	100%	(1,755)
<b>Net Budget:</b>	<u>\$ 7,520</u>	<u>\$ 14,180</u>	<u>\$ 6,501</u>	<u>\$ 6,501</u>	-54%	<u>\$ 6,501</u>
<b>Revenue</b>						
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	\$ 1,774	\$ 469	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	220%	\$ 1,500.00
Revenue from Use of Money and Property	537	606	700	700	16%	700
Other Financing Sources	1,855	1,855	-	-	-100%	-
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<u>4,166</u>	<u>2,930</u>	<u>2,200</u>	<u>2,200</u>	-25%	<u>2,200</u>
<b>Net County Cost:</b>	<u>\$ 3,354</u>	<u>\$ 11,250</u>	<u>\$ 4,301</u>	<u>\$ 4,301</u>	-62%	<u>\$ 4,301</u>
Allocated Positions	-	-	-	-	0%	-

**Program Purpose:** To preserve the fisheries and wildlife in Placer County for future generations through habitat improvements, animal trappings and collaring, and pollution monitoring of streams and lakes in cooperation with the State Department of Fish and Game.

# AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER / SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES



POSITIONS: 13

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER /  
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
APPROPRIATION SUMMARY  
Fiscal Year 2006-07**

**ADMINISTERED BY:            AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER**

<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>FY 2005-06</b>		<b>FY 2006-07</b>	
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Position Allocations</b>	<b>BOS Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Position Allocations</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b> Agricultural Commissioner	\$     1,390,442	13	\$     1,587,829	13
<b>OTHER OPERATING FUND</b> Fish & Game Commission - Fund 130	14,180	0	6,501	0
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	\$     1,404,622	13	\$     1,594,330	13

# Agricultural Commission/Sealer

## General Fund

**Fund: 100**

**Subfund: 0**

**Appropriation: 22210**

Budget Category (1)	Actual 2004-05 (2)	Actual 2005-06 (3)	Dept Req 2006-07 (4)	CEO Rec 2006-07 (5)	BOS Adopted 2006-07 (6)
<b>Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>					
1002 Salaries and Wages	659,430	703,118	801,679	801,679	801,679
1003 Extra Help	42,726	63,093	88,803	88,803	88,803
1005 Overtime & Call Back	6,377	5,080	17,410	17,410	17,410
1300 P.E.R.S.	118,195	143,527	151,242	151,242	151,242
1301 F.I.C.A.	54,292	58,451	63,452	63,452	63,452
1303 Other - Post Employment Benefits			23,571	23,571	23,571
1310 Employee Group Ins	110,797	125,705	148,606	148,606	148,606
1315 Workers Comp Insurance	16,329	21,524	21,240	21,240	21,240
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>1,008,146</b>	<b>1,120,498</b>	<b>1,316,003</b>	<b>1,316,003</b>	<b>1,316,003</b>
<b>Services &amp; Supplies</b>					
2001 Agriculture		283	3,000	3,000	3,000
2051 Communications - Telephone	16,385	18,118	17,000	17,000	17,000
2290 Maintenance - Equipment	1,142	4,607	1,100	1,100	1,100
2291 Maintenance - Computer Equip			600	600	600
2431 Professional Dues	1,692	2,200	3,000	3,000	3,000
2439 Membership/Dues	215	200	350	350	350
2481 PC Acquisition	3,593	7,214	3,548	3,548	3,548
2510 PC Upgrades			600	600	600
2511 Printing	7,235	8,336	9,000	9,000	9,000
2522 Other Supplies	5,167	1,011	2,500	2,500	2,500
2523 Office Supplies & Exp	2,059	2,830	3,250	3,250	3,250
2524 Postage	3,641	3,564	4,000	4,000	4,000
2554 Commissioner's Fees	3,600	3,320	4,320	4,320	4,320
2555 Prof/Spec Svcs - Purchased	92,619	84,932	6,800	6,800	6,800
2701 Publications & Legal Notices		445			
2709 Rents & Leases - Computer SW	4,932	6,353	6,353	6,353	6,353
2710 Rents & Leases - Equipment			13,000	13,000	13,000
2770 Fuels & Lubricants	155	110	300	300	300
2838 Special Dept Expense-1099 Repor	800	3,523			
2840 Special Dept Expense	21,557	18,223	47,183	47,183	47,183
2844 Training	100		900	900	900
2931 Travel & Transportation	3,261	2,387	7,300	7,300	7,300
2932 Mileage	753	1,198	1,000	1,000	1,000
2941 County Vehicle Mileage	79,739	88,307	90,000	90,000	90,000
<b>Total Services &amp; Supplies</b>	<b>248,645</b>	<b>257,161</b>	<b>225,104</b>	<b>225,104</b>	<b>225,104</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
4451 Equipment		12,753	25,000	25,000	25,000
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>12,753</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>Charges From Departments</b>					
5051 I/T - Communications			102	102	102
5291 I/T Maintenance - Computer Equipm			102	102	102
5556 I/T - Professional Services			21,518	21,518	21,518
5840 I/T Special Dept Expense	36	30			
5844 I/T Training	50				
<b>Total Charges From Departments</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21,722</b>	<b>21,722</b>	<b>21,722</b>
<b>Gross Budget</b>	<b>1,256,877</b>	<b>1,390,442</b>	<b>1,587,829</b>	<b>1,587,829</b>	<b>1,587,829</b>
<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>1,256,877</b>	<b>1,390,442</b>	<b>1,587,829</b>	<b>1,587,829</b>	<b>1,587,829</b>



# Agricultural Commission/Sealer

## General Fund

Fund: 100

Subfund: 0

Appropriation: 22210

Budget Category (1)	Actual 2004-05 (2)	Actual 2005-06 (3)	Dept Req 2006-07 (4)	CEO Rec 2006-07 (5)	BOS Adopted 2006-07 (6)
Less: Revenues					
7196 State Aid for Agriculture	(570,110)	(570,547)	(505,425)	(505,425)	(505,425)
7234 State Aid - Mandated Costs		(2,368)			
7326 Federal - Other	(3,244)	(17,579)			
8138 Agricultural Marketing Services	(4,850)				
8140 Agricultural Services/Fees	(21,386)	(71,822)	(29,900)	(29,900)	(29,900)
8193 Other Services	(57,161)	(58,238)	(55,000)	(55,000)	(55,000)
8764 Miscellaneous Revenues	(14,980)	(14,909)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)
Total Revenues	(671,731)	(735,463)	(605,325)	(605,325)	(605,325)
Net County Cost	585,146	654,979	982,504	982,504	982,504

# Fish and Game

## Fish and Game Fund

Fund: 130

Subfund: 0

Appropriation: 22370

Budget Category (1)	Actual 2004-05 (2)	Actual 2005-06 (3)	Dept Req 2006-07 (4)	CEO Rec 2006-07 (5)	BOS Adopted 2006-07 (6)
Services & Supplies					
2140 Gen Liability Ins	16	18	37	37	37
2523 Office Supplies & Exp			80	80	80
2524 Postage	371	198	180	180	180
2554 Commissioner's Fees	1,470	1,070	2,100	2,100	2,100
2555 Prof/Spec Svcs - Purchased	800	300	1,000	1,000	1,000
2840 Special Dept Expense	3,187	6,103	2,200	2,200	2,200
2932 Mileage	968	699	1,500	1,500	1,500
3551 Transfer Out A-87 Costs	708				
Total Services & Supplies	7,520	8,388	7,097	7,097	7,097
Fixed Assets					
4451 Equipment		5,792			
Total Fixed Assets		5,792			
Appropriation for Contingencies					
5600 Appropriation for Contingencies			1,159	1,159	1,159
Total Appropriation for Contingencie			1,159	1,159	1,159
<b>Gross Budget</b>	<b>7,520</b>	<b>14,180</b>	<b>8,256</b>	<b>8,256</b>	<b>8,256</b>
Less: Charges to Departments					
5002 I/T - County General Fund			(1,755)	(1,755)	(1,755)
Total Charges to Departments			(1,755)	(1,755)	(1,755)
<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>7,520</b>	<b>14,180</b>	<b>6,501</b>	<b>6,501</b>	<b>6,501</b>
Less: Revenues					
6856 Other Court Fines	(1,774)	(469)	(1,500)	(1,500)	(1,500)
6950 Interest	(537)	(606)	(700)	(700)	(700)
8755 Donation		(400)			
8779 Contributions from General Fun	(1,855)	(1,855)			
Total Revenues	(4,166)	(3,330)	(2,200)	(2,200)	(2,200)
<b>Net County Cost</b>	<b>3,354</b>	<b>10,850</b>	<b>4,301</b>	<b>4,301</b>	<b>4,301</b>